

MINUTES of a special meeting of COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, held in the Council Chambers, Oak Bay Municipal Hall, 2167 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C., on Monday April 29, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast and Straits Salish Peoples. Specifically we recognize the Lekwungen speaking people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and that their historic connections to these lands continue to this day.

PRESENT: Mayor K. Murdoch, Chair
Councillor A. Appleton
Councillor, H. Braithwaite
Councillor T. Ney
Councillor E. Paterson
Councillor E.W. Zhelka

REGRETS: Councillor C. Green

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer, L. Varela
Director of Corporate Services, W. Jones
Deputy Director of Corporate Services, D. Hopkins
Director of Building and Planning, B. Anderson
Manager of Planning, D. Jensen

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. ***Carnarvon Park Master Plan & Report: Joint Meeting with Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission***
 - Memorandum – Carnarvon Park Master Plan & Report
 - Presentation – Carnarvon Park Master Plan
 - Draft Report – Carnarvon Park Master Plan (Intro. Sections 1.0-3.0)
 - Draft Report – Carnarvon Park Master Plan (Sections 4.0-6.0)
 - Draft Report – Carnarvon Park Master Plan (Appendix A-C)

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided an overview of the process undertaken to date regarding the Carnarvon Park Master Plan. He introduced Mr. Eric Lees of Lees and Associates to present the proposed Carnarvon Park Master Plan.

Mr. Lees stated that extensive and rigorous public consultation was undertaken in the development of this proposed master plan and that the plan had received strong community support. He commented that this is a long-range vision for Carnarvon Park and not a commitment by Council to spend money. Mr. Lees provided an overview of the Carnarvon Park Master Plan including proposed phasing over several years.

Mayor Murdoch invited comments from members of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission. Commission members raised questions regarding the inclusion of public art in the plan, the rationale for the increase in parking, the inclusion of elements to increase the number of female users of the park, the inclusion of lighting along walking paths, sufficient space for free play, the tennis practice wall, the tennis court orientation, whether the pickleball court could also be used as a tennis court, and an

explanation of what comprises an all wheels area.

The Mayor then asked for comments from Committee members. Questions were raised about whether older teenagers were consulted, if daycare could be considered as a use for the expanded field house, the associated costs for removal of the field house, the accessibility of the proposed walking paths, consideration of undertaking a traffic study in the area, explanation of noise mitigation, amount of paved areas, inclusion of car charging stations, whether the undulating all wheels area will negatively impact the practice tennis wall, whether the two large lawn bowling buildings could become shared use, water management, order of the proposed phasing, what is gained by enhanced user experience and increased use, addition of a café to the field house, needs analysis for the western soccer field, consideration of alternate locations for the pickleball court, and installation of lighting on the sports fields.

Mayor Murdoch invited comments from members of the public. Comments included inclusion of interactive art, concerns that a broader review of recreation facilities has not been undertaken, direction for environmental sustainability for materials to be used, and a request for an estimated size for each proposed zone.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission members asked about the width of the perimeter pathway and if there were possibilities to increase the size, what the cost would be to remove the existing lacrosse box, and proposed that interactive art be included in the playground areas that combine music, arts and ecology.

Additional comments from the public addressed requests for the inclusion of lighting for evening use, to withhold approval of the racquet courts until after completion of a review of all recreation facilities is completed, to not support the location of the racquet sport courts as proposed due to noise impacts on neighbours.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the associated noise of pickleball and tennis, and a discussion as to how to proceed with the Carnarvon Park Master Plan as proposed.

MOVED and seconded: That Council refer the draft Carnarvon Park Master Plan to staff and Lees & Associates for amendment including an analysis of existing and potential tennis and pickleball facilities and potential options for siting.

In response to questions from Council the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture said that options could be brought back to Committee of the Whole quickly. He said that options to repurpose other tennis courts for pickleball use would be either Windsor or Henderson.

The question was then called.

CARRIED

MOVED and seconded: That Council direct staff, in consideration of the Engineering

Services Department's current work plan, to provide recommendations at a future Committee of the Whole on potential scope and associated costing of further traffic analysis related to the Carnarvon Park Master Plan.

CARRIED

Discussion arose around determining the potential uses and location of the field house. The Director of Corporate Services said that staff will come back with some options understanding that the footprint of the building is an important issue. Concerns were raised over delaying the implementation of the Master Plan and reserving use of the field house for the park user groups. Committee members agreed that a future discussion at Committee of the Whole will help to determine the scale, sizing, layout of the rooms and required amenities for the field house.

Mayor Murdoch thanked members of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, Lees and Associates, Council and members of the public for feedback provided and the quality of the work presented in the Carnarvon Park Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

2. ***Motion to Adjourn to In Camera***

That in accordance with section 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter*, that the open portion of the meeting of Council be adjourned and that a closed session be convened to discuss litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to In Camera at 9:16 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chair

Deputy Director of Corporate Services